

Victoria native steps in as county auditor

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Victoria native Judy McAdams, a 37-year-old certified public accountant, took the helm at the county auditor's office on Monday, replacing longtime auditor Pat Beck.

McAdams, previously with the Roloff, Hnatek & Co. accounting firm, was appointed to the post by the four Victoria-area state district judges. Beck stepped down on Dec. 31 after serving nearly 40 years as a county employee, the last 15 as auditor.

McAdams' \$45,053-per-year salary is paid by Victoria County, although she reports the county's financial standing directly to the district judges. She'll direct a six-person department.

"I'm very excited. It's a challenge," she said Tuesday, minutes after attending her first Commissioners Court meeting as auditor. "I look forward to working in county government."

McAdams, who earned a business degree from the University of Houston-Victoria, said she did both tax and auditing work during her 10-year clip with Roloff, Hnatek & Co.

She's married to Bob McAdams, who works for the county's biggest taxpayer, Du Pont, and she has one stepdaughter.

Commissioners on Tuesday also approved the salary of Peggy Smith, the county's new flood plains administrator and parks and recreation supervisor.

Smith, who will earn about \$32,000 per year for the two half-time positions, replaces the retired Jim Barnett. As flood plains ad-

ministrator, she's charged with making sure all construction within the county flood plain complies with federal regulations.

Commissioners also:

- OK'd a \$18,320 contract with Treatment Associates of Victoria to provide drug and alcohol testing and psychological counseling for the county's juvenile offenders.

- Appropriated partial funding to various entities, including \$613,887 to the Victoria Public Library, \$49,119 to the Youth Home of Victoria and \$15,000 to the Victoria Economic Development Corp.

Other entities receiving funding were the Gulf Bend Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center, \$25,000; Victoria County Senior Citizens, \$10,000; Children's Services, \$60,000; the Texas Zoo, \$3,000; and the Victoria County Historical Commission, \$3,500. The money had already been included in the county's 1996 budget.

- Reappointed Commissioner John Hammack to serve as judge pro tem. Hammack will fill in when County Judge Helen Walker



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is absent.

- Set the 1996 juror compensation rate at \$6 per day for prospective jurors and \$10 per day for those selected to be grand or trial jurors.